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Erica vagans

[Synonyms : *Erica manipuliflora*]

CORNISH HEATH is an evergreen shrub. Native to western Europe it has tiny, pinkish-purple or white flowers with protruding deep purple stamens.

It is also known as Corn heath, *Cornwall-Heide* (German), *Vřesovec těkavý* (Czech), *Wander-Heide* (German), and Wandering heath.

Cornish heath is a protected plant in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. It is also considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Vagans is derived from Latin *vagus* (wandering, roving, roaming) meaning ‘wandering or of wide distribution’ with reference to an invasive habit.